

Brig Gen Kenny Montoya
Adjutant General, HQ/NMNG



Vision for New Mexico National Guard

The New Mexico National Guard will be a flexible, viable, and relevant community-oriented military force immediately deployable for state and federal missions here and abroad.

Our members will embody the warrior spirit, always physically fit, trained, combat ready, values-based, and consistently performing beyond the standard.

We will be a nationally recognized leader in urban warfare training and homeland security, able to conduct a full spectrum of missions in a Joint environment.

Our missions are dangerous - we will protect our team by managing risk in all that we do.

Sharing a success formula

Chief Master Sgt Allan Ludi
HQ/NMANG



I've had many opportunities to watch leaders at work and to practice leadership at several levels. From these experiences, here is what I think it takes to get any job done!

LOYALTY: Obviously, you have to be loyal to your boss. But loyalty down the chain is equally important. Stand behind those who work for you and make sure they know you'll be there if they need you.

WORK THE TOUGH ONES: Don't bypass hard jobs just because you're not familiar with them. Tackle them with the same zeal and enthusiasm as jobs you know well. You'll learn more and gain the reputation as a problem solver. By

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Taking New Mexico National Guard to the top

Beyond the standard

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New Mexico's Headquarters STARC officers have overcome many

obstacles - 13,161 feet to be exact. When Brig. Gen. Kenny C. Montoya became the Adjutant General he told his STARC officers he was taking them to the field. One of his mottos is "Back to Basics" and they thought they were in for a weekend of basic soldier skills at nearby Kirtland

Air Force Base. Gen. Montoya had other ideas. While attending a Memorial Day ceremony in Taos he saw Wheeler Peak, New Mexico's highest mountain looming in the distance. He wanted to conquer the highest peak as a team.

With the help of Sgt. 1st Class Jason

Riley "Operation Mountain Knowledge" began. Riley recruited top notch NCO's to do reconnaissance and act as Team Leaders. Many were combat lifesaver qualified. He also insured a physician's assistant trained in cardiac

The TAG's vision is to have the best Guard in the world within the next 5 years, have everyone in the New Mexico National Guard combat life saver trained by the end of this year, and to always go "Beyond the Standard."

arrest was present. Riley handled all the logistics, coordinated with the Santa Fe based 717th Medical Company, the Taos based 1115th Transportation Company, the US Forest Service, and published the Warning order, Frago, and Operations Order. Riley says he could not have done it with out

his team of 13 hand picked high-speed soldiers from Counter Drug Support.

The adventure began on a Friday afternoon in Santa Fe when the teams were divided up and everyone received a safety briefing. Although

everyone received the same list of supplies it was unclear exactly where the adventure would occur. Helicopters from the 717th Medical Company transported the teams to the base of the ski basin in Taos. From there the teams were transported in trucks by the 1115th Transportation

Company to the Williams Lake trail head. Everyone had a full rucksack with all they'd need for the weekend and each team had to transport five gallons of water up the steep incline to reach 11,100 feet - over two miles

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